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REPLY AND AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- [X] Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (18 pages).
- [X] Replacement Drawing Sheet (1 Sheet, Figures 3, 4, 5).
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As		Previously		Extra Claims				Additional
	Amended		Paid For		Present		Rate		Claims Fee
 Total Claims:	34	-	34	=	0	X	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	3	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
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					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL	=	\$0.00

[] The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

\$0.00	\$120.00	[] Extension for response filed within the first month:				
\$0.00	\$450.00	[] Extension for response filed within the second month:				
\$0.00	\$1,020.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:				
\$0.00	\$1,590.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:				
\$0.00	\$2,160.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:				
\$0.00	N FEE TOTAL:	EXTENSION				
\$0.00	\$130.00	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d):				
\$0.00	R FEE TOTAL:	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIM				
\$0.00] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					
\$0.00	TOTAL FEE:	TOTAL FEE:				

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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